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TOM GIBBONS

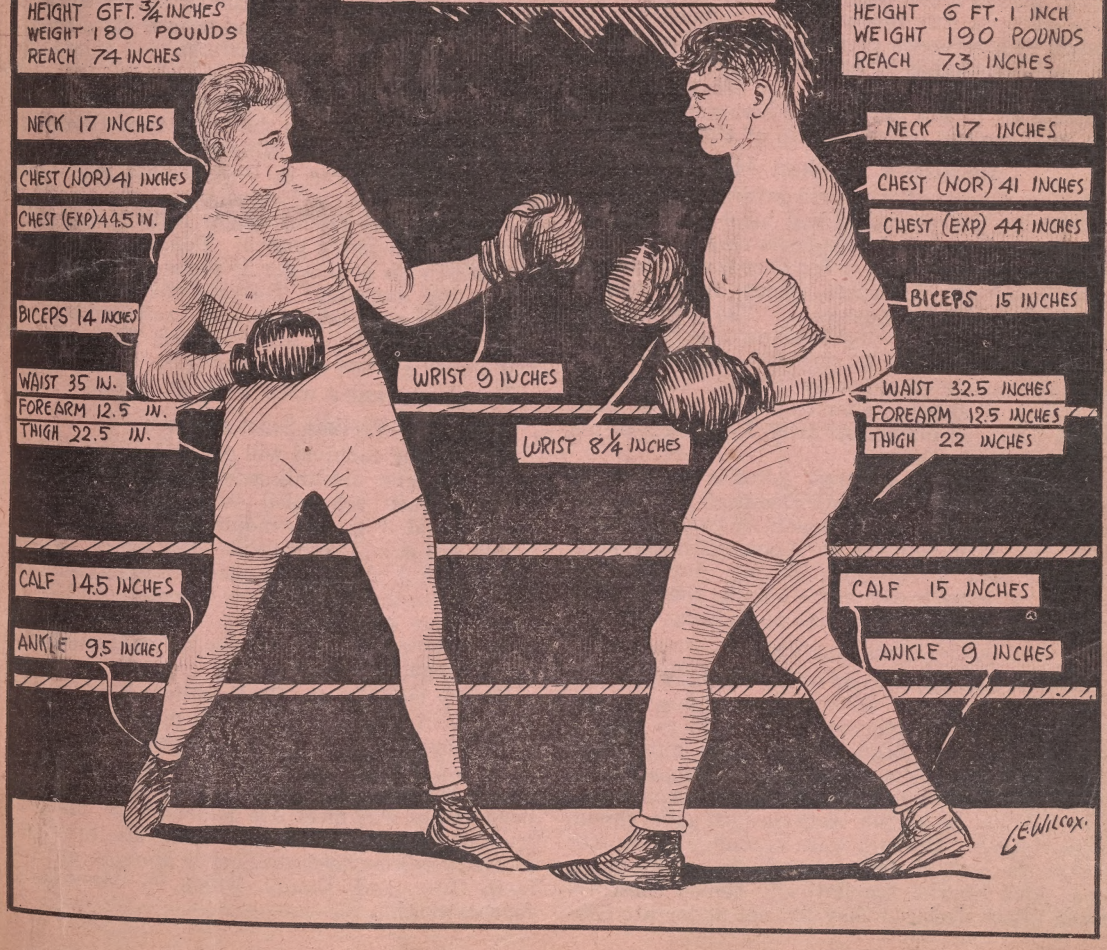
BORN AT ST. PAUL, MINN.
NATIONALITY IRISH-AMERICAN
AGE 29 YEARS

HEIGHT 6 FT. 3/4 INCHES
WEIGHT 180 POUNDS
REACH 74 INCHES

NECK 17 INCHES
CHEST (NOR) 41 INCHES
CHEST (EXP) 44.5 IN.
BICEPS 14 INCHES
WAIST 35 IN.
FOREARM 12.5 IN.
THIGH 22.5 IN.
CALF 14.5 INCHES
ANKLE 9.5 INCHES

VS.

For World Heavyweight Title at Shelby, Mont., July 4th. 15 Rounds to Decision



JACK DEMPSEY

BORN AT MANASSA, COLO.
NATIONALITY IRISH-AMERICAN
AGE 28 YEARS

HEIGHT 6 FT. 1 INCH
WEIGHT 190 POUNDS
REACH 73 INCHES

NECK 17 INCHES
CHEST (NOR) 41 INCHES
CHEST (EXP) 44 INCHES
BICEPS 15 INCHES
WAIST 32.5 INCHES
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Jack Dempsey and Tom Gibbons Await Gong to Start World's Heavyweight Championship Battle

Champion and Challenger in Fine Fighting Trim When They Wind Up Training for 15-Round Bout to Referee's Decision at Shelby, Mont., July 4th. General Opinion is That Dempsey Faces Hardest Fight He Has Ever Had in Defense of Title Against St. Paul Contender. Fans Arrive From All Corners of Country for World's Premier Sporting Contest. World Waits Tidings of How Champion Retained His Crown or How a New Champion Was Made.

(SPECIAL TO THE BOXING BLADE)

SHELBY, MONT.—The BIG DAY is at hand! By the time this issue of The Boxing Blade is before its readers Jack Dempsey, champion heavyweight boxer of the world and Tom Gibbons, challenger for the title will have finished their hard training and will be waiting for the gong which will send them into a contest to determine which is the better man with six-ounce gloves in a 20-foot ring under modern boxing rules.

When Tom Gibbons squares off with Jack Dempsey in the big arena here at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of July 4th for a bout scheduled for 15 rounds to a referee's decision, the St. Paul boxer will face the chance he has been seeking for three years—the biggest event in his life to date, an opportunity to win the highest honor in pugilism, the heavyweight championship of the world.

Dempsey's Toughest Fight

Boxing experts of the world generally agree that in Gibbons the champion will meet the classiest ringman he has faced during his ring career thus far. No fighter Dempsey has ever fought had the combination of cleverness, speed and punching power that Gibbons possesses. The champion is admitted to have a slight advantage in height, weight, strength and hitting force, but these assets are considered offset by Gibbons' superiority in skill and speed. Tom can sock plenty hard enough, too, as his record of 33 knockouts in his last 36 fights testifies.

Another point in Gibbons' favor is that he has been active in the ring while Dempsey has not had a fight since he defeated Carpentier two years ago. Jack has kept himself in shape through light training and gymnasium boxing during that period, but experts are of the opinion that it takes actual fighting to keep a man on fighting edge.

Both Are Fit

Both boxers claim to be fit for the fight of their lives. Observers of Gibbons in training say he never looked in better condition. He is heavier than he has ever been for any fight and seems faster and more clever than ever. Dempsey drew some criticism of his training methods, it being asserted that he did not train as hard as he should have trained. Rumors were spread that he was not in the best of shape, but Jack and his manager, Jack Kearns, emphatically denied these reports. Both declared they did not underrate Gibbons and that they would see to it that Dempsey would enter the ring prepared to put up the hardest fight of his career.

Dempsey's purse for this fight was $310,000 which he received before entering the ring. This is the largest sum ever guaranteed a boxer. Tom Gibbons does not receive any money until $310,000 has been taken in at the gate. He gets 50 per cent of the gross receipts over that sum.

Dougherty to Referee

James F. Dougherty of Philadelphia will be referee, with George A. Barton, sports editor of the Minneapolis Tribune and official state referee in Minnesota as alternate referee.

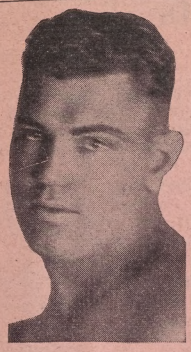
Dempsey, who is a long time friend of Dougherty's favored him above any other for the third man in the ring. It will be the third time Dougherty has refereed a fight in which Dempsey has taken part. The first was in Philadelphia when Jack knocked out Battling Levinsky and the second at Benton Harbor, Mich., where Billy Miske fell a victim to Dempsey's punch. Dougherty has been identified with boxing for 25 years as referee, promoter and manager. He refereed two fights in which Joe Gans participated, and refereed bouts in which George Dixon, Joe Goddard, Tim Callahan and Harry Forbes were principals.

Dougherty was a wrestler in his youth.

Prelims Start at Noon

The boxing carnival will get under way at noon with the first preliminaries, and Gibbons and Dempsey are scheduled to get into the ring promptly at 3 p. m., mountain standard time, which is 2 p. m. Pacific coast time, 4 p. m. Central time and 5 p. m. Eastern time. Matchmaker Collins expects that he will have a leeway of probably a half hour, provided all the preliminaries go the limit, before Dempsey and the St. Paul challenge crawl through the ropes.

Jimmy Delaney, the St. Paul light heavyweight, working in Gibbons' camp, will meet Jack Burke, of Pittsburgh, one of Dempsey's sparring partners, in one of the 10-round preliminaries, while Tillie "Kid" Herman, of Los Angeles, also of the Gibbons camp, will meet Joe Simonich, of Butte, in another. These are welterweights. The third preliminary will be between Lackey Morrow, of Portland, Ore., and Dandy Dillon, a Minneapolis featherweight.



Ring Record of
Jack Dempsey

Born June 24, 1895, at Manassa, Colo. Nationality, Irish-American.

He started boxing in 1915.

He has had 60 fights.

Has been knocked out once—by Jim Flynn in one round.

Has been knocked down 4 times and boxed 4 draws.

Lost two decisions.

Won 40 fights by knockouts.

Won the world's heavyweight championship July 4, 1919, from Jess Willard at Toledo in three-round knockout.

1915-1916—Knockout—Johnnie Person, 7 rounds; Joe Lions, 9; George Copelin, 7; Andy Malloy, 3; Two Round Gillian, 1; Jack Downey, 2; Boston Bear Cat, 1; Battling Johnson, 1; George Christian, 1; Joe Bonds, 10; Dan Ketchell, 5; Bob York. **Won**—Johnnie Sudenberg, 10; Terry Keller, 10; Andri Anderson, 10; Wild Bert Kennedy, 10; John Lester Johnson, 10. **Draw**—Jack Downey, 4; Johnny Sudenberg, 10; Andy Malloy, 20. **Lost**—Jack Downey, 4.

1917—Knockout—Al Norton, 1 round; Charley Miller, 1. **Won**—Willy Meehan, 4; Bob McAllister, 4; Gunboat Smith, 4; Carl Morris, 4. **Draw**—Willy Meehan, 4. **Knockout by**—Jim Flynn, 1.

1918—Knockout—Homer Smith, 1 round; Jim Flynn, 1; Bill Brennan, 6; Bull Sadee, 1; Tom Riley, 1; Dan Ketcher, 2; Arthur Pelkey, 1; Kid McCarthy, 1; Bob Devere, 1; Porky Flynn, 1; Fred Fulton, 1; Terry Kellar, 5; Jack Moran, 1; Battling Levinsky, 3; Porky Flynn, 1; Carl Morris, 1; Gunboat Smith, 2. **Won (foul)**—Carl Morris, 6. **Lost**—Willy Meehan, 4. **No decision**—Billy Miske, 10; Billy Miske, 6. **Exhibition**—Clay Turner, 4.

1919—Knockout—January 22, Big Jack Hickey, Harrisburg, Pa., 1 round; January 23, Kid Harris, Reading, Pa., 1; January 29, Kid Henry, Easton, Pa., 1; February 13, Eddy Smith, Altoona, Pa., 1; April 2, Tony Drake, New Haven, 1; July 4, Jess Willard, Toledo, O., 3 (for heavyweight championship of the world, Dempsey received $27,500, Willard $100,000. Ollie Pecord, referee).

1920—Exhibition—March 5, Terry Keller, Los Angeles, 3 rounds. **Knockout**—September 6, Billy Miske, Benton Harbor, 3 (receipts, $134,904, of which Dempsey received $55,000; Miske, $25,000. Jim Dougherty, referee); December 14, Bill Brennan, New York, 12.

1921—Knockout — Georges Carpentier, Jersey City, 4 (for heavyweight championship of the world. Dempsey received $300,000, Carpentier $200,000.

At this time of writing it was estimated that the crowd would number between 20,000 and 30,000 and the receipts would go between $500,000 and $600,000.

Shelby is filled to overflowing with fight fans from all over the states and Canada. Many arrived on special trains and by automobile.

Newspaper men from every big paper in every large city in the country are here to report the fight to the waiting world. Millions of words describing the contest will be wired from here to the far corners of the Globe.

They will tell of how the champion successfully defended his title or of how a new champion was made.

Let 'er go! May the best man win!

GIBBONS WARMS UP IN DRESSING ROOM

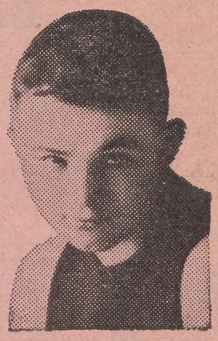
An idea made Thomas Edison the greatest inventor the world ever had. Another idea made Henry Ford the richest man the world ever had.

And an idea may make Tom Gibbons the next heavyweight champion of the world here July Fourth. A lot of fighters have good hindsight. Gibbons has foresight. Before he steps into the Shelby Shell to face Jack Dempsey he will be warmed up like a race horse before a race or a baseball pitcher before a ball game.

Here is Tom's idea:

"I never get in the ring for a battle without warming myself up to a sweat," says Gibbons. "In my dressing room I do three or four rounds of shadow boxing. When the bell rings I don't have to fool round getting started. I'm ready to go at top speed the first minute. I first began to do this warming up stunt three years ago. I piled up my knockout record after that. When I am warm and my opponent is cold I have the percentage on him. It is easier to knock a fellow out when he is cold. His blood hasn't started racing fast through his veins to recuperate him if he gets in a bad way. On the other hand my blood is shooting through my body a mile a minute so if I get nailed a comeback is easier.

"A driver jogs a race horse over the track until it starts to lather up a bit before facing the get-away barrier. When a pitcher goes in the box without getting his arm warm, the chances are ten to one he'll get knocked out of the box before he gets a sweat up. The same thing applies to a fighter. You can't fight when you are cold. And when the other fellow is cold, then is a good time to smack him over. I'll be warmed up to pitch fifteen full innings when I get in there July Fourth against Dempsey if necessary."



Ring Record of
Tom Gibbons

Born March 22, 1894, at St. Paul, Minn. Nationality, Irish-American.

He started boxing in 1913.

He has had 88 fights.

Never was knocked out.

Never has been knocked down.

Lost one decision.

Won 37 fights by knockout.

He knocked out 33 out of his last 36 opponents.

191—Knockout—Johnny Shaw, 3 rounds. **No decision**—Tommy Bergen, 10; Joe Borrell, 10; Young Mike Donovan, 10; Jack Denning, 10; Knockout Brennan, 10.

1914—Knockout—Al Worgin, 4 rounds; Buck Crouse, 4; Bert Fagan, 2; Billy Glover, 6. **No decision**—George K. O. Brown, 10; Billy Miske, 8; George K. O. Brown, 10; Young Mahoney, 10.

1915—No decision—Billy Murray 10 rounds; Billy Miske, 10; Harry Greb, 10.

1916—Won—Vic Hansen, 10 rounds. **No decision**—Gus Christie, 12; Joe Herrick, 12; Joe Herrick, 12.

1917—Won—Gus Christie, 15 rounds. **No decision**—Bob Moha, 10; Burt Kenny, 10; Jacky Clark, 10; Battling Levinsky, 10; Burt Kenny, 10; George Chip, 10.

1918—Knockout—Silent Martin, 10 rounds. **Won**—Silent Martin, 15; Gus Christie, 10; George Chip, 12. **No decision**—George Chip, 10; Clay Turner, 10; George Chip, 10; Gus Christie, 10; Clay Turner, 10.

1919—Won—George Chip, 10 rounds; Mick King, 15; Jimmy Darcy, 10. **No contest**—Bartley Madden, 4. **No decision**—Len Rowlands, 10; Larry Williams, 10; Capt. Bob Roper, 10; Billy Miske, 10; George K. O. Brown, 12.

1920—Draw—Boy McCormick, 10. **No decision**—K. O. Brown, 10; Bob Roper, 10; Harry Greb, 10; Clay Turner, 10; Harry Greb, 10; Hugh Walker, 12; Chuck Wiggins, 12.

1921—Knockout—Tony Melchoir, 1 round; Al Reich, 1; Paul Sampson, 2; George Norcross, 1; D. (Porky) Flynn, 11; Hugh Walker, 1; Jack Clifford, 3; Jack Heeman, 1; Sergt. Ray Smith, 2; Willie Keeler, 2; Willie Meehan, 1; Dan O'Dowd, 3; Bill Reed, 2; Joe Burke, 2; Clay Turner, 1; Fred Ellen, 1; Soldier Jones, 1; Dan Dowa, 6; Hope Mullen, 1; Hugh Walker, 10. **Won (T-K)**—L. Williams, 4. **No decision**—Bartley Madden, 10; Chuck Wiggins, 10.

1922—Feb. 2, Pat McCarthy (K), Boston, 4 rounds; March 13, Harry Greb (L), New York, 15; May 1, Harry Foley (K), New Orleans, 6; May 30, Sailor Martin (K), Louisville, 2; October 13, Billy Miske (L-F), New York, 10; November 13, George Ashe (K), Detroit, 1; December 11, Joe Burke (K), Buffalo, 7; December 15, Billy Miske (W), St. Paul, 10.

1923—March 3, Jim Tracy (K), Chicago, 2; March 20, Andy Schmoberg (K), Peoria, 1; April 29, Chuck Wiggins (K), New Orleans, 10.

Breezy Broadway Boxing Bits

By Arthur T. Lumley

THE battle between the warring promoters is a bitter fight to a finish.

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They have the New York and New Jersey boxing commissions in a most mysterious muss.

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Arthur T. Lumley

If the rival promoters keep the wrangle up, they'll surely queer the game in both states.

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Persistent mischief of this kind has spoiled the sport frequently before in this section.

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And it's most liable to knock it out flat again.

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The manly art never thrived under the dog eat dog hostilities.

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Tex Rickard declared he would get out an injunction against Benny Leonard boxing Lew Tendler at the Yankee Stadium.

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He claimed that Leonard is under contract to meet Charley White first under his promotion.

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But since White was so badly pasted by Jack Zivic, he wouldn't be a great attraction against Leonard.

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Tendler and Leonard are apt to draw at least $500,000 on July 23rd, if there's no obstructions.

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While White wouldn't pull one-fifth of that amount.

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Billy Gibson claimed that there was a clause in the contract that if White was outboxed previous to meeting Leonard the agreement was void.

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It that's so, Mr. Rickard is on the wrong track.

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Anyway, appealing to the courts to settle boxing disputes is not the proper caper.

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What are the commissions for?

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Have they not the power and jurisdiction to settle all fistic wrangles?

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Every boxing case brought before judges have been thrown out of court.

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But probably Rickard now realizes that his friend Muldoon is no longer the supreme mogul of the Commish.

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And that the boxing trust is busted by the new members of the board, who have knocked out Muldoon's rules and other joke edicts.

But why does the commission refuse to give their sanction for a Dempsey-Wills bout?

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They have sidestepped this issue for many, many moons.

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As if it was a most dangerous explosive that might blow them all out of office.

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Harry Wills can go down into puglistic history as the greatest long distance contender that ever happened.

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Wonder what kind of soothing dope pills the Commish is dosing the Chocolate Giant with that makes him so submissive?

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Don't believe those romantic yarns about Harry working so hard as a stevedore on the docks.

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Mr. Wills has been living the life of Reilly touring around in his big auto for many months.

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While his manager, Paddy Mullins, takes the air in the subways.

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Dave Mackey and other Jersey promoters are trying to induce Wills to meet Jack Johnson in the Skeeter State.

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But Mr. Wills does not seem to be inclined to muss up with Mr. Johnson at present.

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They say that Leo P. Flynn's income from boxing alone is $100,000 a year.

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No wonder some of the piking Broadway managers turn green with envy.

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Eddie Mead now lives luxuriously on his new big farm near Nyack on the Hudson.

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His world's bantam champion, Joe Lynch, charged Eddie good and plenty when he moved him up to his sixty-eight acre farm.

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But maybe Manager Mead won't get that all back the next time Lynch fights.

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The mistake that Eddie made was not bargaining with old Papa Lynch who runs the trucking concern.

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What remarkable business instincts these modern champions have anyway.

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"Tony, the Barber" of Binghamton, N. Y., calls himself "Boxing Matchmaker," on his ashy stationery.

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Jack Rodgers lost some fifty pounds of valuable weight taking Italian Jack Herman down to Havana to meet Firpo.

"Herman was the worst hound I ever handled," said Manager Rodgers sorrowfully as he mourned the loss of his aldermanic proportions.

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Firpo had agreed to let Herman go for four or five rounds but he took a dive in the second from a light punch on the chest.

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Promoter Charles Stoneham dropped $30,000 staging the Wilde-Villa battle.

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That makes about $130,000 Stoneham has lost in two world's championship affairs.

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Rather expensive experience for the game promoter.

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How these crafty worn out champions outwit some of the supposed wise promoters financially and otherwise.

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Some say that Wilde got $65,000, while others claim he received $75,000.

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But Kilbane took Mr. Stoneham for double that amount.

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A host of fans from Cleveland bet all kinds of jack against their fellow-townsman, Kilbane.

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"Put a good bet on the frog," said a smart Cleveland friend to me at the ringside long before the title bout started.

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"Kilbane is all in and we birds know it," continued the Clevelander with a knowing wink.

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The Broadway sharpshooters cleaned up galore on both the Kilbane-Criqui and the Wilde-Villa bouts.

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How the boobs fell for the past reputations of the two dilapidated champions.

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And the false ballyhoo about their wonderful condition and masterly science.

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Now there's another flock of fans who imagine that Willard will K. O. Firpo.

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The sharpshooters will probably take them also, while taking is good.

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The Willard-Firpo match is certainly attracting a lot of attention here.

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It may possibly draw as big a crowd as attended the Dempsey-Carpentier fight.

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The winner will undoubtedly be selected to meet the victor of the Dempsey-Gibbons clash.

Tom Andrews' Timely Ring Gossip

MILWAUKEE—Tex Rickard mixed the cards for Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, and Lew Tendler, challenger, when beentered a protest against the two being matcher at the Yankee Stadium, New York, July 23, before the champion fulfills his contract for a fight with Charley White. Rickard contends that Leonard signed a contract to meet White on Sept. 14, 1922, but called it off later on account of trouble with his teeth. The Jersey Commission has noitfied Leonard that it upholds Rickard's contention and the New York Commission will consider the matter at its next meeting. Should Rickard win his point it may upset all of the champion's plans unless he decides to first take on White for Rickard at one of the big outdoor arenas. Benny has been training steadily and wants to get busy, but he says he prefers meeting Tendler first.

Tom S. Andrews

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It was the old story of "Going to the well once too often." That is what happened to Jimmy Wilde, former world's champion flyweight and one of the greatest little battlers developed in Great Britain the past three decades, when he met Pancho Villa, ex-champion of the United States and title holder in the Orient, at the Polo baseball grounds in New York City. Villa knocked out the game little Britisher in the seventh round of a scheduled 15-round contest, having scored two previous knockdowns and having the best of the battle from the start.

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Jimmy went to the "well once too often" all right, but for the last trip his feelings were soothed to the extent of just $60,000. Some champions, but very few of them, have retired undefeated, but what boxer nowadays could resist the tempting $60,000 to try a comeback! It was not a case of necessity with Wilde as he was very comfortably fixed financially the little fellow had been urged by some of his friends to make the trip and take a chance, while others tried to persuade him to retire and pass his title to the next best lad in Great Britain. Jimmy took the chance and lost. He retires now as ex-champion, but $60,000 richer.

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A year ago the past spring Frank Churchill, a promoter of amusements and boxing in Manila, brought Villa to the states on a speculation only. He had confidence in the ability of the little Filipino to win the flyweight championship and it cost him over $10,000 before he even got started. Meeting Mr. Churchill in Chicago on his arrival he said to me:

"This boy is a greater fighter than Johnny Buff, your champion, and also Jimmy Wilde, world's title holder. Mark my word. He will beat both of them." And he did.

On Sept. 14, 1922, Villa finally got his chance against Johnny Buff in New York and knocked him out in eleven rounds, winning the championship. He took on all comers and put up some wonderful fights, but in Jan. 1923, he lost a point decision to Frankie Genaro at the Garden, New York. It was not a popular decision and when Tom O'Rourke secured Wilde for a big title match here he selected Villa as opponent for the world's champion instead of Genaro, who won from the Filipino. It showed that O'Rourke's judgment in that respect was about correct.

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It is a peculiar situation now as regards the flyweights. Genaro holds the championship of the United States and Villa is world's champion. It will be up to one of the eastern promoters now, probably Tom O'Rourke to bring the two champions together for the premiership of the world in the flyweight class. match between Villa and Genaro at one of the big open air arenas in New York will pack the place. And if they meet don't be surprised if little Pancho Villa defeats Genaro.

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Chicago is not the only place where they have trouble with the referee at boxing matches. At a place called Rockhampton in Australia, Ernie Unwin and Frank Locke were matched to fight 20 rounds. It was for the championship of that district and in the fourteenth round the referee, Jack Brown, stopped the fight and awarded the verdict to Unwin. Locke became very abusive, but when Brown, who was former champion of Queensland, squared off to meet him the abusive Mr. Locke ducked out of harm's way and went to his corner. They were rematched a week later and this time George Wagstaffe was selected as referee. In the 14th round, as in the first battle, Unwin went down from what appeared a foul blow. The referee thought it was a foul and declared Unwin the winner. Thereupon Locke let go a right which landed on the referee's jaw and knocked him out cold. The newspapers took the matter up and will probably have Locke barred from boxing there for a year at least.

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Near Rockhampton, Australia, at a place named Dubbo, they have a freak boxer, an Aboriginal, whose name is Michael Mickey. He stands 6 feet ½ inches and weighs only 126 pounds. They call Pinky Mitchell a freak boxer because he stands 5 feet 10½ inches and weighs 138 pounds. The Aboriginal would appear as a match alongside of Pinky. The colored freak is quite a clever boxer in his own way and has wonderful stamina. He fought George Cray, champion of that district, fifteen rounds to a decision and won. Some of the sporting men of that place have secured a real trainer for the lad and intend matching him at Sydney for the championship.

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Jack Munro, manager of the Stadium at Sydney, Australiaa, thinks they have discovered another Les Darcy in Jack Dale, a young lightweight, who is just 18 years of age. Writing about the lad Jack says: "This boy Dale looks like a wonderful fighter. He is a mere kid, but is a natural fighter. He came over from Melbourne and boxed a 12-round draw with such a tough fellow as Pat Gleason. He knocked out Jack Finney in six rounds which is quite a feat and gave Danny Morgan, one of the best lightweights in England, a bad thrashing in 20 rounds. He needs a little more experience and will then be ready for the best. Another great lad who is coming along is Jack Johnson, 18 years old and from the home of Darcy, in Newcastle. He scales 158 pounds and has beaten everything he has met so far. These boys have just come to the front, which is encouraging, for we have not had any good prospects for some time."

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In France the Boxing Federation is making the same mistake as was made in America as regards the punishment of boxers who foul opponents. Fred Bretonnel, the French lightweight champion, lost to Arthur Wyns, former Belgian featherweight champion, in three rounds on a foul. Wyns was given a minute's rest, but could not resume, so Bretonnel was disqualified. Just previous to that Charley Ledoux, bantam champion, fouled Andria Routis during a match for the championship and the latter was hurt, but the judges permitted Ledoux to resume after Routis had been given a short rest. According to reports it was a palpable foul and Routis should have been given the verdict. When boxers are permitted to get away with acts of that kind without losing their share of the purse it is equivalent to encouraging fouling in the ring. There are times when accidental fouls are committed, but the refereee usually knows whether it was unintentional or not and acts accordingly. A foul fighter has no place in the ring and should be barred.

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Rocky Kansas, the Buffalo challenger for Benny Leonard's title, meets Johnny Mendelsohn, Milwaukee contender for Pinky Mitchell's crown, at the Ice Garden, Milwaukee, the afternoon of July 4th. Kansas and Mendelsohn met two years ago and it was a battle royal. Kansas secured the newspaper verdict, but since then Johnny has come along nicely and thinks now that he can take the meas-

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For many years the champions of the prize ring were drawn from Irish and English stock; in fact, the American champions from 1850 to 1890 were mostly Irishmen and Englishmen with a few Scotch and Welshmen thrown in. From 1890 on other nationalities began to get into the boxing game and the fighters of the Irish and the Anglo-Saxon race no longer hold the complete supremacy they once held. However, the natural fighting ability of the Irish still holds them well in the fore. Fighters of Irish extraction hold four of the recognized world's titles and there are many of the same race who are foremost title contenders. The present world's champions of Irish descent or birth are Jack Dempsey, heavyweight; Mike McTigue, light heavyweight; Mickey Walker, welterweight and Joe Lynch, bantamweightt. The remaining four world titles are divided among fighters of Italian, Jewish, French and Filipino blood as follows: Johnny Wilson, middleweight; Benny Leonard, lightweightt; Eugene Criqui, featherweight and Pancho Villa, flyweight. In the history of boxing, since its beginning to the present, fighters of Irish blood have held more world's boxing championships than those of any other race or nationality. Most of them were Irishmen born in the United States which made them of American nationality.

In the past Irishmen might hold championships. but they came under the head of British champions just the same, but now it is different. With Ireland having her freedom it is possible now to have her own champions in the various classes. The boxing game in the Emerald Isle has been dormant more or less during the recent period of political agitation, but if present plans go through there will be a big revival of the sport, particularly in the north of Ireland. James Murphy, a Belfast promoter, contemplates an ambitious campaign, embracing Irish bouts at all weights. Championship belts on the lines of the Lord Lonsdale trophies are to be provided and thus establish a set of champions for Ireland. His first venture is scheduled for July 7th when he stages Dave Magill and Bartley Madden, formerly of New York, for the heavyweight crown. Neither of the challengers are legitimate heavies as they have recently fought at the cruiser or light-heavy weight limit. It is evident that big fellows are scarce in the Emerald Isle. With the revival of the boxing game in Ireland it won't be long before they will be mixing for the world's titles. They are of a fighting race and are bound to come to the front in a hurry.

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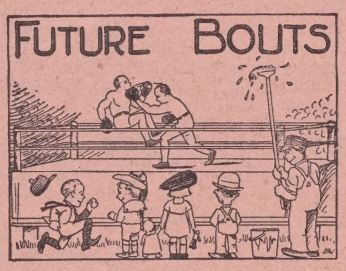


Jack Dempsey vs. Tom Gibbons, 15 rounds, Shelby, Mont., July 4th.

James J. Delaney vs. Jack Burke, 10 rounds, Shelby, Mont., July 4th.

Tillie "Kid" Herman vs. Joe Simonich, 10 rounds, Shelby, Mont., July 4th.

Dandy Dillon vs. Lackey Morrow, Shelby, Mont., July 4th.

Mike McTigue vs. Battling Siki, 20 rounds, Dublin, Ireland, Sept. 8th.

Benny Leonard vs. Alex Hart, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., July 9th.

Benny Leonard vs. Lew Tendler, 15 rounds, New York City, July 23rd.

Johnny Dundee vs. Eugene Criqui, 15 rounds, New York City, July 30th.

Joe Lynch vs. Bobby Wolgast, Atlantic City, N. J., July 9th.

Jeff Smith vs. Harry Greb, 15 rounds, Atlanta, Ga., July 10th.

Jess Willard vs. Luis Firpo, 12 rounds, Jersey City, N. J., July 12th.

Johnny Tillman vs. Billy Wells, 12 rounds, Great Falls, Mont., July 2nd.

Gunner Joe Quinn vs. Jimmy Nuss, 10 rounds, Appleton, Wis., July 4th.

Earl Blue vs. Cud Wilson, 8 rounds, Ringsted, Iowa, July 20th.

Larry Coleman vs. Ray Carter, 8 rounds, Sioux City, Iowa, July 4th.

Richie Mitchell vs. Joe Tiplitz, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., July 9th.

Pinkey Mitchell vs. Joe Goldman, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., July 9th.

Frankie Genaro vs. Tony Norman, 10 rounds, Pittsburgh, Pa., July 7th.

Phil Kaplan vs. Jimmy Jones, 10 rounds, Pittsburgh, Pa., July 7th.

Carl Tremaine vs. Pete Zivic, 10 rounds, Pittsburgh, Pa., July 7th.

Bobby Garcia vs. Cuddy De Marco, 10 rounds, Pittsburgh, Pa., July 7th.

Tiger Flowers vs. Tut Jackson, 12 rounds, Atlanta, Ga., July 3rd.

Cotton Nelson vs. Jimmy Proto, Atlanta, Ga., July 3rd.

Sailor Freedman vs. Lew Tendler, 10 rounds, Michigan City, Ind., July 4th.

Dennis O'Keefe vs. Patsy Rocco, 10 rounds, Michigan City, Ind., July 4th.

Patsy Wallace vs. Herbie Schaeffer, Michigan City, Ind., July 4th.

Johnny Mendelsohn vs. Rocky Kansas, 10 rounds, Milwaukee, Wis., July 4th.

Harry Galfund vs. Soldier Bartfield, 12 rounds, Brooklyn, N. Y., July 5th.

Young Bob Fitzsimmons vs. Wild Bill McFadden, 8 rounds, Wilmington, N. C., July 4th.

Mill T. Devine vs. Jimmy Dale, 10 rounds, Urbana, Ill., July 4th.

Sailor Friedman vs. Sid Barbarian, 10 rounds, Detroit, Mich., July 13th.

Tim Droney vs. Jimmy Finley, 12 rounds, Louisville, Ky., July 2nd.

Willie Hope vs. Chuck O'Brien, 8 rounds, Colorado Springs, Colo., July 3rd.

Art LeBeau vs. Kid Alton, 4 rounds, Colorado Springs, Colo., July 3rd.

Kid Belt vs. Jack Doyle, 12 rounds, Chadron, Neb., July 4th.

Rusty Evans vs. Kid Worley, Aurora, Neb., July 4th.

Andy Wilson vs. Mike Dale, Aurora, Neb., July 4th.

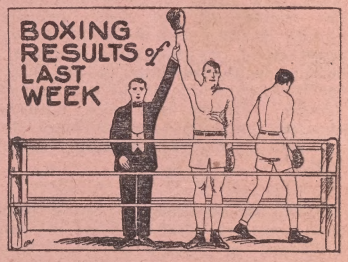
Billy Britton vs. Harry Krohn, 15 rounds, Des Moines, Iowa, July 4th.

Jimmy Conway vs. Ray Long, 12 rounds, San Antonio, Texas, July 12th.

"Kid" Fisher vs. Jimmy Lanning, Dewey, Okla., July 4th.

"Kid" Fisher vs. Mickey Riley, 10 rounds, Oklahoma City, Okla., July 13th.

Frankie Farren vs. Joe "Petit" Coffey, 20 rounds, Reno, Nev., July 4th.



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Pete Zivic defeated Jack Sharkey, twelve rounds at New York City, June 19th.

Bobby Garcia and Frankie Edwards boxed twelve rounds to a draw at New York City, June 19th.

Bobby Farubi defeated Frankey Nancy, six rounds at New York City, June 19th.

Frank Nancy defeated Bobby Wagner at New York City, June 19th.

Abe Friedman defeated Larry Goldberg, twelve rounds at New York City, June 22nd.

Abe Goldstein defeated Frankie Daly, twelve rounds at New York City, June 22nd.

Tony Palmer defeated Ray Durz, six rounds at New York City, June 22nd.

Johnny Clinton defeated Bert Spencer, twelve rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., June 20th.

Sid Terris knocked out Ray Lucas, fourth round at Brooklyn, N. Y., June 20th.

Tommy Knoebele defeated Tommy McIrnan at Brooklyn, N. Y., June 20th.

Tommy Milton knocked out Ben Daly, fifth round at Brooklyn, N. Y., June 20th.

Charley (Kid) Kohler defeated Joe Ritchie, twelve rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., June 16th.

Harry London defeated Danny Lee, twelve rounds in Harlem, New York City, June 16th.

Jack McVey knocked out Cowboy Lee Williams, seventh round in Harlem, New York City, June 16th.

Jimmy Slattery defeated Jack Perry, fifteen rounds at Buffalo, N. Y., June 18th.

Fred Thompson defeated Dick Dundee, six rounds at Buffalo, N. Y., June 18th.

Vincent Coffey defeated Wally Hinckle, twelve rounds at Albany, N. Y., June 19th.

Scotty Williams and Joe Heller boxed to a draw at Albany, N. Y., June 19th.

Jeff Smith defeated Tommy Loughran, eight rounds at Philadelphia, Pa., June 18th.

Tony Norman defeated Johnny Hamm, eight rounds at Pittsburgh, Pa., June 11th.

Young Sailor defeated Young Piazzi at Pittsburgh, Pa., June 11th.

Tommy Crawley defeated Joe Shurra at Pittsburgh, Pa., June 11th.

Benny Bass defeated Mike Moran, eight rounds at Atlantic City, N. J., June 18th.

Ray Pryel defeated Willie Shaw, twelve rounds at Jersey City, N. J., June 19th.

Harry Mulcahey knocked out Ned Fitzgerald, seventh round at Jersey City, N. J., June 19th.

Frankie Jerome defeated Kid Lewis, twelve rounds at Hartford, Conn., June 16th.

Tommy Ryan and Young Montreal boxed twelve rounds to a draw at Mariesville, R. I., June 18th.

Joe (Hambone) Kelly knocked out Ned Flanagan, first round at Revere, Mass., June 19th.

Frankie Quill defeated Johnny McIntyre at Revere, Mass., June 19th.

Steve Gustin knocked out Dutch Reagan, fourth round at Revere, Mass., June 19th.

Pat McCarthy defeated Homer Roberson at Revere, Mass., June 19th.

George Werner won on a foul from Sandy Taylor in the third round at Pittsfield, Mass., June 16th.

Eddie Ketchell defeated Johnny Andrews, twelve rounds at Toledo, Ohio, June 18th.

Alex Novecky and Johnny Lucas boxed ten rounds to a draw at Fort Harrison, Ind., June 20th.

Kid Sparks defeated Mike Dundee, eight rounds at Fort Harrison, Ind., June 20th.

Hub Newkirk defeated Paul Thompson, four rounds at Fort Harrison, Ind., June 20th.

Billy Sullivan and Harry Sawyer boxed four rounds to a draw at Harrison, Ind., June 20th.

Chuck Wiggins and Martin Burke boxed ten rounds to a draw at Indianapolis, Ind., June 21st.

Jack Ledeaux knocked out Pinky Crosby, fourth round at Indianapolis, Ind., June 21st.

Bobby Bridges defeated Jack Sheppard, ten rounds at Indianapolis, Ind., June 21st.

Tommy Loughran defeated Mike McTigue, eight rounds at Philadelphia, Pa., June 25th.

Jack Bernstein knocked out Freddy Jacks, fifth round at Philadelphia, Pa., June 25th.

Lew Tendler defeated Tim Droney, ten rounds at Allentown, Pa., June 25th.

Dave Shade defeated Jimmy Kelly, twelve rounds at Rockaway Beach, New York City, —June 22nd.

Joe Dillon was disqualified in the fourth round of contest with Corporal Izzy Schwartz at New York City, June 22nd, referee claiming that he held too much.

Sammy Bienfeld defeated Harry Aarons, eight rounds at New York City, June 22nd.

Frankie Collins defeated Marty Collins, twelve rounds at Long Branch, N. J., June 22nd.

Champion Johnny Wilson defeated Eddie Carter, eight rounds at Atlantic City, N. J., June 22nd.

Louis Bogash knocked out George Shade, second round at Atlantic City, N. J., June 22nd.

Willie Harmon defeated Wildman Gould, ten rounds at Woonsocket, R. I., June 22nd.

Wildcat Nelson knocked out Jim Montgomery, sixth round at Chester, Pa., June 21st.

MIDDLE WEST

Johnny O'Donnell defeated Roscoe Hall, eight rounds at Des Moines, Iowa, June 22nd.

Frankie Smith defeated Jack Perry, six rounds at Des Moines, Iowa, June 22nd.

Louie Kelley and Gene Rohde boxed six rounds to a draw at Des Moines, Iowa, June 22nd.

"Kid" Hynes defeated Hek Wright, four rounds at Des Moines, Iowa, June 22nd.

Freddy Madison knocked out Jack Finn, first round at Des Moines, Iowa, June 22nd.

Joe Sielaff defeated Red Blanchard, ten rounds at Wausau, Wis., June 22nd.

Joe Martin defeated Johnny Stevens, eight rounds at Wausau, Wis., June 22nd.

Art Schiere and Harry Ward boxed eight rounds to a draw at Wausau, Wis., June 22nd.

Donnie Dean knocked out Johnny Moore, second round at Wausau, Wis., June 22nd.

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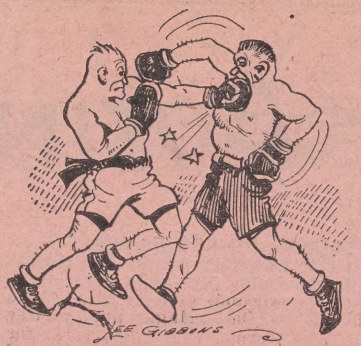
Guy Bray defeated Pat Gaynor, ten rounds at Carthage, Mo., June 22nd.

Henry Nenninger and Johnny Hughes boxed eight rounds to a draw at Carthage, Mo., June 22nd.

Sammy Long knocked out "Hot Shot" Brown, second round at Carthage, Mo., June 22nd.

Leon King knocked out Battling Tuggo, third round at Carthage, Mo., June 22nd.



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Glen Lickner defeated Ralph Brooks, ten rounds at Wichita, Kans., June 18th.

Johnny Donahue knocked out Phil Longo, third round at Moline Ill., June 20th.

Sammy Mandell defeated George Butch, eight rounds at Aurora, Ill., June 21st.

Frankie Garcia defeated Johnnie Murphy, eight rounds at Aurora, Ill., June 21st.

Jack McDonald knocked out Jim Kilty, third round at Aurora, Ill., June 21st.

Rock Castle knocked out Jim Black, second round at Aurora, Ill., June 21st.

Bennie Hawk knocked out Young Donald, second round at Aurora, Ill., June 21st.

Jack McCarthy defeated Vern Morris, six rounds at Aurora, Ill., June 21st.

Roy Conley won on a foul from Dago Joe Gans in the third round at Milwaukee, Wis., June 25th.

SOUTH

Kid Dugan defeated Chuck Burns, eight rounds at Memphis, Tenn., June 18th.

Young Leonard knocked out Puggy Morton, seventh round at New Orleans, La., June 18th.

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Charlie Feraci defeated Joe Cook, ten rounds at New Orleans, La., June 18th.

Patsy Flanagan won on a foul from Pee Wee Kaiser in the third round at St. Louis, Mo., June 21st.

K. O. Al Walthers defeated Cal Stevens, ten rounds at Louisville, Ky., June 18th.

Joe Peglena knocked out Freddie Boorde, second round at Louisville, Ky., June 18th.

Young Wallace and Bobby Waugh boxed ten rounds to a draw at Tampa, Fla., June 18th.

Vic McLaughlin and Young Stribling boxed ten rounds to a draw at Savannah, Ga., June 18th.

Lew Silver knocked out Kid Peck, second round at Atlanta, Ga., June 19th.

Kid Suby and Battling Bill Bailey boxed to a draw at Atlanta, Ga., June 19th.

Hollis Sullivan and Harry Allen boxed ten rounds to a draw at Atlanta, Ga., June 19th.

Young Collins defeated Baby Stribling, four rounds at Atlanta, Ga., June 19th.

NORTH WEST

"Al" Webster defeated "Battling" Krause, ten rounds at Billings, Mont., June 16th.

"Jiggs" Palmer defeated Bert Castellano at Billings, Mont., June 16th.

FAR WEST

Bud Hamilton defeated Midget Smith, ten rounds at Pueblo, Colo., June 21st.

Kid Mex defeated Otto Wallace, ten round at Pueblo, Colo., June 21st.

Bud Hamilton defeated Midget Smith, ten rounds at Pueblo, Colo., June 20th.

Kid Mex defeated Otto Wallace, ten rounds at Pueblo, Colo., June 20th.

Willie Hope knocked out Bud Alton, third round at Pueblo, Colo., June 20th.

MEXICO

Champion Jimmy Dundee and Sam Rico boxed ten rounds to a draw at Mexico City, June 17th.

Mike Feebles defeated Joe Leopold, six rounds at Mexico City, Mexico, June 17th.

Luis Najera and A. Guardarama boxed four rounds to a draw at Mexico City, Mexico, June 17th.

CANADA

Mark Moore and Jack Reddick boxed twelve rounds to a draw at Moose Jaw, Sask., June 22nd.

Sammy Trapp and Battling Becker boxed eight rounds to a draw at Moose Jaw, Sask., June 22nd.

Errie Pinchot defeated Teddy Joyce, ten rounds at Toronto, Ontario, June 18th.

PACIFIC COAST

Charley Sullivan defeated Jack Silver, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., June 22d.

Frankie Thomas and "Sailor" Ackerman boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., June 22nd.

Eddie White defeated "Sailor McNulty," four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., June 22nd.

Kid Buccump defeated Jack Griffin, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., June 22nd.

"Sailor" Huff defeated Martin O'Shea, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., June 22nd.

"Sailor" Minnivh knocked out "Sailor" Frias, first round at San Francisco, Calif., June 22nd.

"Sailor" White defeated Sammy Lee, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., June 22nd.

"Sailor" Kichok knocked out "Sailor" Cody, second round at San Francisco, Calif., June 22nd.

Frankie Farren defeated Sailor Ashmore, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., June 22nd.

Teddy Silva and Ad Rubidoux boxed four rounds to a draw at Hollywood, Calif., June 22nd.

Young Russ Pierce defeated Freddie Brewer, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., June 22nd.

K. O. Kelly defeated Earl Clark, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., June 22nd.

George Smith defeated Red Uhlan, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., June 22nd.

Ted Merry defeated Connie Hogan, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., June 22nd.

Aleck Maurice defeated Al Knowles, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., June 22nd.

Frankie Burns defeated Johnny Reisler, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., June 19th.

Terry Adams and Bud Soules boxed four rounds to a draw at Los Angeles, Calif., June 19th.

Billy Kennedy defeated Ted Seidman, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., June 19th.

Joe Kelly defeated Leo Barnett, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., June 19th.

Joe Fernandez defeated Kid Mack, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., June 19th.

Kid Louie defeated Ted Frenchy, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., June 19th.

Bobby Summers defeated Scotty Diest, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., June 19th.

Frankie McCann and Young Brown boxed four rounds to a draw at Oakland, Calif., June 20th.

Sunny Jim knocked out Paddy Slavin, first round at Oakland, Calif., June 20th.

Johnny Farr defeated "California" Joe Lynch, four rounds at Oakland, Calif., June 20th.

Al Sange defeated Billy Grodeau, four rounds at Oakland, Calif., June 20th.

Ray Kronich defeated Frenchie Coalman, four rounds at Oakland, Calif., June 20th.

Cap Nelson and Pete Francis boxed four rounds to a draw at Oakland, Calif., June 20th.

Frankie Malone defeated Young Risso, four rounds at Oakland, Calif., June 20th.

Bobby Harper and Joe Benjamin boxed ten rounds to a draw at Portland, Ore., June 21st.

Jimmy Sacco defeated Joe Dunn, six rounds at Seattle, Wash., June 22nd.

Harry Anderson and Benny Shannon boxed six rounds to a draw at Seattle, Wash., June 22nd.

Eddie Neil defeated Johnny McManus at Seattle, Wash., June 22nd.

Frankie Grandetta defeated Abe Gordon, ten rounds at The Dallas, Ore., June 22nd.

Eddie Richards defeated Tommy McCarthy, six rounds at The Dallas, Ore., June 22nd.

Brick Coyle and Bus Nagle boxed to a draw at The Dallas, Ore., June 22nd.

CUBA

Antolin Fierro knocked out Andres Balsa, first round at Havana, June 23rd.

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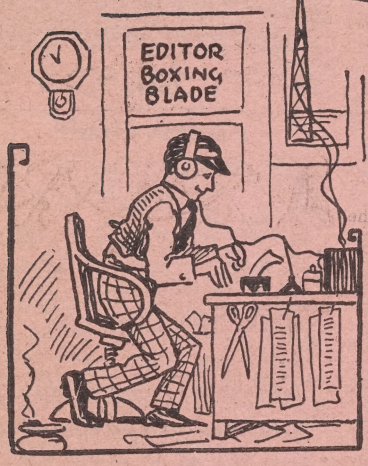

TENDLER DROPPED FOR NINE COUNT BY DRONEY

Allentown, Pa.—Tim Droney of Lancaster dropped Lew Tendler of Philadelphia, lightweight title contender, for a count of nine in the opening round of a ten-round bout here, June 24th. Droney also took the second and third rounds with a vicious body attack, but after that Tendler's superiority asserted itself and he won the verdict of the newspapermen at the ringside.

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MIKE McTIGUE BEATEN BY TOMMY LOUGHRAN

Philadelphia.—Mike McTigue, light heavyweight champion of the world was outpointed by Tommy Loughran of Philadelphia here June 24th, according to the majority of the newspaper men at the ringside, who gave the champion only two of the eight rounds. Except in the sixth and seventh rounds, McTigue appeared listless and was hit almost at will by the Philadelphian. McTigue appeared awkward. In the first two rounds he landed only four blows, and they did no damage. Not until the sixth did he show any aggressiveness. Then he sailed into the Philadelphian and sent several hard lefts and rights to the face and body which stunned Loughran. The champion also had the better of the seventh round and earned an even break in the eighth, the experts said. In the earlier rounds Loughran clearly outpointed and outboxed the titleholder.

At one point Loughran's rain of lefts and rights appeared to have McTigue groggy, but he weathered the storm. Jack Bernstein, junior lightweight champion, knocked out Freddy Jacks of Australia, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight round bout.

JIMMY FINLEY BOXES TIM DRONEY AT LOUISVILLE

Louisville, Ky.—The Jefferson Athletic club will stage a 12-round bout here July 2, between Jimmy Finley, Dixie's welter champ and Tim Droney of Lancaster, Pa. In order to accommodate the large crowd expected the club has leased the American Association ball park. Finley has developed into a real welterweight contender and will give Droney the battle of his life. Jackie Dugan meets Willie Sullivan in another ten-rounder. There will be a total of 38 rounds of boxing scheduled.

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HARRY KROHN MEETS BILLY BRITTON AT DEWEY

Dewey, Okla.—All roads lead to Dewey in the Southwest for the Roundup July 4, 5, 6. Harry Krohn, the Akron Thunderbolt who has suffered defeats only at the hands of Jimmy Delaney and Jeff Smith hooks up with Billy Britton to start off the program in a 15-round bout. Krohn and Britton have met before with honors even and a hot battle is expected by promoter Joe A. Bartles. Harold Walsh, manager of Harry Krohn will seek a return bout with Jimmy Delaney should Krohn defeat Britton.

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JOE BENJAMIN AND BOBBY HARPER DRAW

Portland, Ore.—The decision of the judges who called the ten-round bout between Bobby Harper and Joe Benjamin, Coast lightweight, a draw, was booed by the crowd who thought Harper was entitled to the decision here, June 20. Many newspaper writers and other experts at the ringside also thought the decision wrong. It was a sensational fight. Harper was knocked down in the third round for the count of two. In the fifth and sixth Bobby had Joe staggering under a fussilade of punches and Benjamin hung on desperately to avoid a knockout. Benjamin rallied in the ninth and tenth and opened a cut over Harper's right eye. Despite this rally Harper took the final round by a shade. The bout drew a capacity house.

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WILLARD DECLARED FIT TO FIGHT FIRPO

Jersey City, N. J.—The New Jersey Boxing Commission put its official stamp of approval upon the heavyweight match of July 12 between Jess Willard, former champion, and Luis Angel Firpo, giant from the Argentine, after Willard had passed a special physical examination to determine his fitness as an opponent for the South American. Three physicians engaged by the boxing commission subjected the big Kansan to a searching examination that lasted forty-five minutes, after which they signed a brief statement declaring him to be "free from any physical defects."

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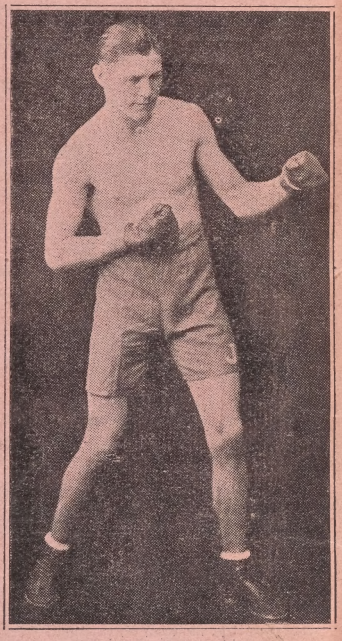

JIMMY SLATTERY

Buffalo, N. Y., Welterweight

Boxing followers in Buffalo acclaim Jimmy Slattery as the next world's champion in his division. Jimmy, who is only 18 years old has been fighting professionally for three years and has never been defeated in 30 bouts. He won nine of his fights by knockouts. Among the well known and tough boxers he has beaten are Soldier Bartfield, Johnny Griffiths, Jimmy Sullivan and Mixer Mitchell. Slattery is managed by Paul Carr, former newsboy.

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BECKETT'S HANDS BAD; CARPENTIER BOUT OFF

London, England.—Armed with a certificate from a physician stating that owing to the bad condition of his hands, he will be unable to fight Georges Carpentier, July 26, Joe Beckett announced he would not

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meet the Frenchman until his hands have definitely recovered to enable him to train thoroughly for the contest.

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MARK MOORE SHADES JACK REDDICK

Moosejaw, Sask.—Mark Moore, of Minneapolis won a shade decision over Jack Reddick, claimant of the middleweight championship of Canada when he scored a knockdown in the final round of a 12-round bout here, June 22. Reddick was floored for the count of six in the twelfth round but rallied wonderfully in the closing moments and was fighting strongly at the final gong.

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LEW TENDLER MEETS SAILOR FRIEDMAN, JULY 4

Michigan City, Ind.—Lew Tendler, Philadelphia lightweight and Sailor Friedman, Chicago, will meet here July 4th in a lightweight title contender's elimination contest for the right to box Champion Benny Leonard. As Tendler is matched to meet Benny Leonard for the lightweight championship in New York on July 23rd, the Quaker city miller must win the popular verdict over Friedman.

In order to dispute Tendler's right to a chance at the title, Friedman is training like a trojan. He wants to stop Tendler so that he may be substituted for the Philadelphia boy in the championship fracas.

Promoter Fitzsimmons reports a lot of interest in the small towns close to Michigan City, and expects to fill comfortably his sky blue arena.

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ROY CONLEY WINS FROM DAGO JOE GANS ON FOUL

Milwaukee, Wis.—Dago Joe Gans, St. Paul welterweight boxer, lost to Roy Conley, Wichita, Kan., on a foul in the third period of a 10 round contest here June 24th. Gans delivered a questionable punch in the first round, but without damage. The blow which stopped the bout was obviously low and Conley was unable to proceed further.

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SAILOR FREEDMAN IS CLEARED OF MURDER CHARGE

Chicago—William (Sailor) Freedman, lightweight boxer, and two other men were freed of a charge of murder when Circuit Judge Kernsten took the case from the jury and instructed the state to dismiss the case. Freedman and Louis Romano were found guilty by a jury last year, but received a new trial.

The state charged that the fatal shooting of Abe Rubin was the outcome of a bootlegger's war, and that it was prompted by remarks said to have been made by Rubin and regarded by Freedman, Romano and William Cohen as reflecting on Freedman's sister.

On motion of the defense that the state had failed to show any connection between the defendants and the killing, the court ordered the case dropped.

LEW TENDLER

Whose scheduled title match with Champion Benny Leonard set for New York, July 23rd, has occasioned a squabble between Leonard and Promoter Tex Rickard who claims to have prior claim to Benny's services for a bout with Charlie White.

Freedman, who is to fight Lew Tendler at Michigan City, Ind., July 4, said after the dismissal that he was glad he had been vindicated and hoped to wear the lightweight crown by Labor Day. He hopes to meet Benny Leonard, lightweight champion.

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RAY PRYEL WINNER OVER WILLIE SHAW

Jersey City—Ray Pryel, the Pittsburgh lightweight, added another victory to his list when he easily defeated Willie Shaw of Bayonne, better known as Young Tiger, in a fast twelve-round bout at the Oakland A. A., June 19. Pryel was entirely too fast and clever for his rugged opponent. Pryel had a clear advantage in nine rounds, with two even and Shaw leading in only one. The weights were Pryel 136 pounds and Shaw 135.

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WILSON, WORLD'S CHAMP BUT FANS DON'T KNOW HIM

New York—Johnny Wilson has held the middleweight title for some time, but it has been more or less of a secret.

He was introduced from the ring at the Polo grounds recently and nobody but the experts about the ringside knew who he was. It is an unusual thing to be a champion of the world and be unknown.

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FIERRO, CUBAN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP, SCORES QUICK K. O.

Havana, Cuba—Antolin Fierro, champion heavyweight of Cuba, knocked out Andres Balsa, Spanish heavyweight champion, in the first round here, June 23. Fierro landed a left to the jaw and finished his opponent with a right to the same place. Fierro has been mentioned as a possible opponent for Luis Angel Firpo.

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RICHIE AND PINKEY MITCHELL SIGN FOR PHILADELPHIA BOUTS

Milwaukee—The Mitchell boys, Richie and Pinkey, Milwaukee boxers, have been signed for a double wind-up in Philadelphia on July 9, according to announcement here. Pinkey will defend his junior welterweight title in a bout with Joe Goldman, while Richie will take on Joe Tiplitz, whom he defeated in Milwaukee two years ago.

Eastern Boxing News and Comment

By Clarence S. Gillespie

NEW YORK—Dave Shade, who is the newly installed welterweight champion (by virtue of a decision of the New York State Athletic Commission) won his first battle since acquiring the title (?) when he defeated Jimmy Kelly, the tough New York battler, at the Steeplechase Athletic Club Rockaway Beach, June 22. The boys fought twelve fast rounds that were full of thrills. Kelly, a dangerous chap at all times, took a bad lacing, but in the last round staged a rally that had the big crowd on its feet. Swinging a right hand, he scored heavily but Dave had too big a lead for the game New Yorker to overcome. The prelims were all good. Dave Weber, a lightweight, who has won his last twelve bouts, defeating Joe Werner in six rounds and Johnny Nichols being an easy winner over Otto Johnson over the same distance.

C. S. Gillespie

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There is a big noise over the coming Benny Leonard-Lew Tendler match scheduled for Yankee Stadium, July 24. It seems that Benny Leonard was signed to box Charley White at Boyle's Thirty Acres last October when he was taken sick and the show called off after Tex Rickard had expended quite a sum for advertising. Now that the Benny-Lew fight has been announced for a rival club, Tex comes forward and says that Benny must first box White for him. The New Jersey Commission upholds Tex and the New York moguls have not given a direct decision as yet. We guess the Tendler bout will come off as scheduled and then Benny will tackle White. So it goes.

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Pancho Villa and Jimmy Wilde drew a trifle over $95,000 at the Polo Grounds which was about half what the promoters looked for. It is one more proof that the fans want the big felllows. Kilbane and Criqui only drew $63,000. Tom O'Rourke deserves a lot of credit for bringing off the above international battles and it is to be regretted that he has not reaped a big financial reward. However, with the coming Criqui-Johnny Dundee battle and other good shows he has in sight he may quit a good winner. He deserves it and we hope he makes a million.

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Jess Willard has arrived in town to get ready for his match with Luis Firpo, July 12. Jess will train at Yonkers, N. Y., as he did for the Johnson match. He has at last secured the services of a couple of good sparring partners, Cliff Kramer one of them. Firpo will train in the City at the Madison Square Garden Gym, with Jimmy DeForrest in charge.

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A great little battler showed at the Queensboro Athletic Club, Long Island City, June 19 in the person of Pete Zivic of Pittsburgh. A newcomer in these parts, he gave the veteran Jack Sharkey, a neat trimming in a twelve-round bout. He will be heard from fighting the topnotchers before the snow flies. Another great little featherweight showed on the same card. Bobby Garcia, a soldier boy from one of the Virginiaa barracks fought a fast twelve-round bout with the tough Frankie Edwards. It was declared a draw, both Zivic and Garcia are managed by the veteran Jimmy Bronson, who also has the lightweight, Jack Zivic, who recently defeated Charley White.

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Light-Heavyweight Champion Mike McTeague is training at Babylon, Long Island, for several bouts Manager Joe Jacobs has lined up for him. A match with Johnny Wilson may take place at the Polo Grounds. Tom O'Rourke would stage this bout, with Joe Lynch meeting some good man, probably Joe Burman, on the same card.

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Charley Kohler, a Brooklyn featherweight, who recently returned from the Philippine Islands is winning all his bouts at the local clubs. He defeated Joe Ritchie of Philadelphia at the Ridgewood Club, Brooklyn, in twelve rounds, June 16. He looks like a future great.

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Pepper Martin, the hard hitting Brooklynite, is going to pack up and leave us flat. An offer of three fights on the Coast is the reason. Pep, with his whirlwind style. is a sure thing to go big in the West; Terry Martin, the Providence bantamweight, will be in the party. Johnny Keys, the mayor of Chinatown, who directs the affairs of both boys expects to depart about July 1st.

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Frankie Conway, a crack little bantamweight, that Al Gorman is trying to rush to the front, made a big hit at the Velodrome the night of the Pete Latzo-Phil Kaplan scrap when he won over Billy Rykoff. Gorman wants to match his charge against no other than Joe Lynch. Go to it Al, we think it would be a great fight.

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A match that will probably be made within the next week or so will bring together Pancho Villa and Frankie Genaro. This is a match that should be made as Frankie has won over the new flyweight champion three times. However. Frank Churchill wants to book his little Filipino with Joe Lynch and try to win two titles.

Benny Leonard will warm up for his Tendler fight by boxing Alex Hart at the Ball Park, Philadelphia, July 9. This will be the last no decision bout in Pennsylvania as the new boxing law goes into effect directly.

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Lou Bogash, the Bridgeport middleweight disposed of George Shade in two rounds, at Stamford, Conn., June 22. Bogash is fighting in great form right now and is a real contender for the title. A match with Johnny Wilson at the ball park, Bridgeport, is in the making.

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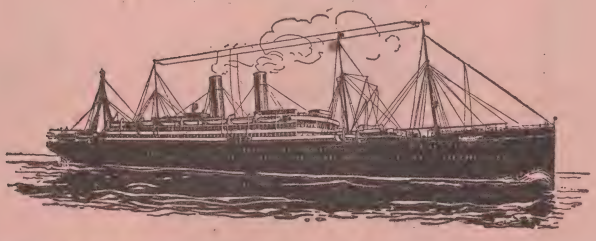

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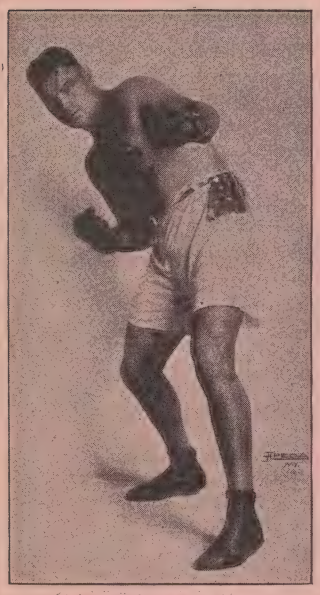

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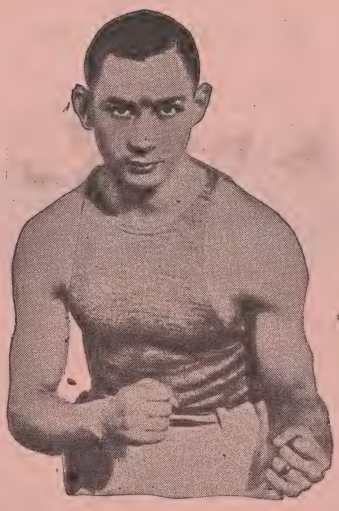

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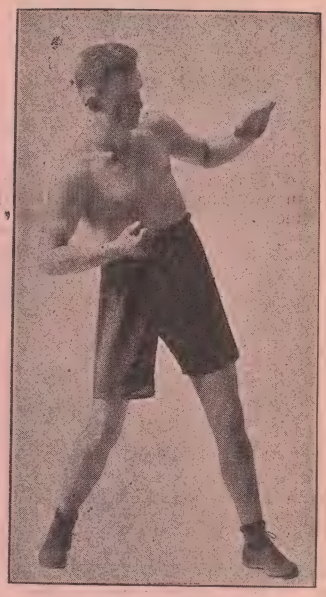

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Andrews' Ring Gossip

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ure of the husky Italian. Mendelsohn has signed to make 135 pounds at 10 A. M., which will bring Johnny down pretty fine, but he should be faster than ever at that poundage. The bouts will be started about 3:30 instead of 2:30, which will give ample time to get reports of the Dempsey-Gibbons fight at Shelby, Mont. Being a holiday it is expected that many fans will drive in by auto from towns within a radius of 100 miles of Milwaukee.

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Ernie Goozemaan, the former California featherweight, who is making Milwaukee his home, is out with a challenge to the Young New Yorker, Eddie Brady, who recently defeated Joey Sangor. Goozeman also defeated Sangor, scoring a technical knockout over him in the first round and coming back after a 15 minutes rest and fighting him nine more rounds, and getting the newspaper verdict, thus winning twice in one night. Goozeman also offered to give Sangor a return match, but the latter has so far side-stepped the husky Goozeman. It is possible that Goozeman and Joe Burman of Chicago will soon hook up in a match.

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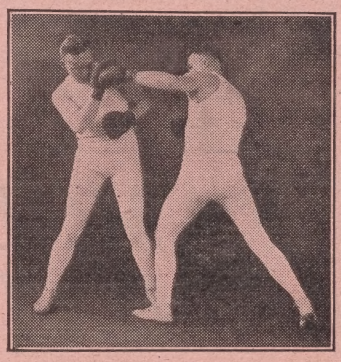

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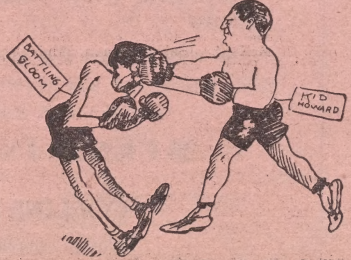

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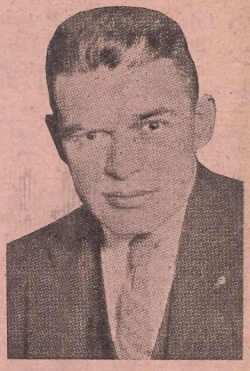

LOY J. MOLUMBY
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American Legion

JACK KEARNS
Manager of Jack Dempsey

The five men pictured on this page are the men chiefly responsible for the matching of Jack Dempsey and Tom Gibbons for the world's heavyweight championship at Shelby, Mont., July 4th.

Mike Collins, editor and publisher of The Boxing Blade; former manager of Mike Gibbons, brother of Tom Gibbons; and present partner of the "Phantom" in managing a stable of boxers, was called in by the Montana promoters to sign up Dempsey and Gibbons. Collins had to overcome many obstacles before the match was made but he succeeded in getting Managers Jack Kearns and Eddie Kane to sign the articles of agreement for the fight.

Mayor Johnson of Shelby and Loy J. Molumby played a big part in raising the money needed to promote the bout before tickets could be sold, including the $110,000 paid Dempsey when he signed.

Dan Tracy, Great Falls mining and hotel man, and an old time boxer himself, was called in to direct the financial affairs of the fight which were too big for the other promoters to handle without aid along with the countless other details of arranging a world's title contest.

EDDIE KANE
Manager of Tom Gibbons

Heavyweight Title Holders From Hyer to Dempsey

Here is a list of the heavyweight champions of America and the years each held the title:

Jacob Hyer	1816-1820
Tom Hyer	1841-1847
John Morrissey	1853-1858
John C. Heenan	1858-1861
Joe Coburn	1862-1864
Bill Davis	1864-1865
James Dunn	1865-1866
Mike McCoole	1866-1869
Charles Gallagher	1869-1869
Tom Allen	1869-1876
Joe Goss	1876-1880
Paddy Ryan	1880-1882
John L. Sullivan	1882-1892
James J. Corbett	1892-1897
Robert Fitzsimmons	1897-1899
James J. Jeffries	1899-1905
Tommy Burns	1906-1908
Jack Johnson	1908-1915
Jess Willard	1915-1919
Jack Dempsey	1919-1923

Receipts and Purses of Heavyweight Title Bouts in Thirty Years

The following table shows the purses and gate receipts for some of the important heavyweight ring battles and the gradual growth in their size in the last 34 years:

Year	Fight	Purse	Total Receipts
1889	Sullivan beat Kilrain	$ 20,000	$
1892	Corbett beat Sullivan	45,000	
1897	Fitzsimmons beat Corbett	25,000	
1902	Jeffries beat Fitzsimmons	22,260	31,800
1910	Johnson beat Jeffries	101,000	270,775
1915	Willard beat Johnson	40,000	68,000
1919	Dempsey beat Willard	127,500	452,522
1921	Dempsey beat Carpentier	500,000	1,600,000
1923	Dempsey-Gibbons		

Dempsey gets $310,000 flat.

Gibbons gets 50 per cent of all over $300,000.